





**Titusville Morning Herald.**  
Friday, Dec. 9, 1870.  
KING WILLIAM is pressed to take the title of Emperor. It is of more consequence just now that he should take Paris.

Talk about "dying in the last ditch," of transferring the war from the city to the country, from Paris to Florence, shows that the day of capitulation is pretty close at hand.

The Secretary of the Treasury wants an Examining Board to pass upon the qualifications of candidates for Clerkships, but he is no believer in the life term office. He advocates a salary which will get on in the world not to seek or accept situations in the departments at Washington.

It is supposed that during the present session of Congress there will be a vigorous effort to help the commerce of the country, that there will be a further reduction of internal taxes, an enlargement of the tariff, an attempt to secure the early resumption of specie payments, and, perhaps a general amnesty bill. Amongst the questions which will be asked, the Senate will be asked to consider the San Domingo purchase, abolition of the franking privilege, civil service reform, the Canadian fishery question, the Georgia Senatorial question and the proposed increase of the navy.

A Washington correspondent of the New York Tribune writes: "There will certainly be a great deal of driftage across this winter, but it is not likely to result in any new legislation. We shall only have a skirmish of words preceding the actual battle, which promises to be a long one." The House will be asked to consider the Revenue Reformers, "knowing they will be stronger in the next Congress than in this," will probably content themselves with speech-making and plotting the reorganization of the next House.

There is good ground to hope for the adoption of legislation to enable the Government to take the lands to be sold, remaining as such necessary to reach a resumption in specie payments. The feeling is general among the best men in Congress that resumption can only be accomplished with a rest, and that it should be done before the opening of the next Presidential campaign, as the crowning good work of the Republican party. A conference on this subject of the leading members of the Finance Committee of both houses is already talked of.

The prospects of the passage of a General Land bill will be better than before. Many members, who six months ago, were in favor of continuing dissection indefinitely, now frankly say that they have had enough of the matter, and that some time has come to give the finishing stroke to the work of reconstruction; that settling the whole matter, so that it will be no more a question of the future, is the present Congress's duty. If the present Congress refuses to do this it will be the earliest action of the next.

The strong ground taken by both parties, during the last session, in the disposition of the grants of land for the benefit of corporations, has produced such a marked effect upon the mind of Congress that the prospects of the numerous railroad bills which slipped so easily through the Senate last session are exceedingly bright. There are about a dozen on the Speaker's table and several others in the hands of the President. The Committee is favorable to most of them, providing the clauses be added which they have derived from the bill which the Senate actually passed. The Committee is favorable to most of them, providing the clauses be added which they have derived from the bill which the Senate actually passed.

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**BY TELEGRAPH.**  
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**10,000 Prisoners and 70 Cannon.**  
**The Demand of Russia Essential to the Peace of Europe.**  
**SPEECH OF VICTOR EMANUEL.**  
**American News.**  
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**The Income Tax to be Abolished.**  
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**Dispatch from the King.**  
William forwarded the following to the Queen from Versailles: Orleans was occupied by our forces last night without being stormed. The Third Corps took pieces of cannon. The Eighth Corps captured the city of Orleans. The French in several conflicts near Orleans, taking four guns and four hundred prisoners. Our loss was one killed and forty wounded.

**News for Paris.**  
LONDON, Dec. 8.  
The Prussian have sent a flag into Paris announcing the capture of Orleans. The rout of the army of the Loire, the capture of thirty guns and one thousand prisoners, and the reported death of Ducrot.

**Russia's Demand.**  
ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 8.  
Russia forwarded a dispatch to the governments of Vienna, Florence, Rome and Constantinople, yesterday regarding the Black Sea question. They are similar to those addressed to Baron von Bismarck, Russian Representative at London. The Russian demands are essential to maintenance of peace in Europe.

**South America.**  
LONDON, Dec. 8.  
A steamer from Rio Janeiro has arrived bringing news of the latter part of November. The Buenos Ayres authorities were negotiating with Jordaa. The city of Montevideo was completely besieged.

**Speech of Victor Emmanuel.**  
FLORENCE, Dec. 8.  
Parliament was opened on Monday by King Victor Emmanuel. The King, in his speech from the throne, declared that with Rome as the capital equivalent benefit by Charles Albert, was crowned, and the freedom of Italy was completed. It was now the task of the Chambers to make her great glory. While we are thus happy, the continued, two nations, glorious representatives of civilization, are engaged in a horrible struggle. We will persist in our efforts to induce them to the conclusion, and prove that united Italy is an element of order, peace and liberty in Europe.

**Five Persons Killed.**  
LONDON, Dec. 1.  
A collision of railroad trains occurred yesterday at Brooklyn Junction, near London. The train was carrying a large number of people. Five persons were killed outright and many more injured, some of whom are not expected to live.

**Victory at Orleans.**  
VERMONT, Dec. 8.  
The French were utterly defeated at Orleans. Ten thousand were made prisoners. Seventy-seven pieces of artillery, including several mortars and four guns, were captured.

**Another Invasion.**  
BERLIN, Dec. 8.  
The King of Wurttemberg has signified his concurrence with the King of Bavaria and other German sovereigns in the proposal that King William of Prussia, assume the title of Emperor of Germany.

**The President's Message.**  
MONTREAL, Dec. 8.  
The President's message to Congress, on the subject of the question of fisheries attracted the greatest attention. The message, which was read by the President, showed the inconsistency of the Government's complaints with the treaty of 1818. It says: "While Canada is always ready to push forward a claim to have its fisheries in order to supply its needs. The Government is approaching this claim with a view to the extension of the fisheries."

**Losses by Fire.**  
CINCINNATI, Dec. 8.  
The Winter Garden Theatre destroyed by fire last night was owned by Daniel C. McGowan. The loss was estimated at \$150,000. The theatre was a fine building, and the loss was a great one.

**Died.**  
TOWANDA, Dec. 8.  
J. P. Cox, General Superintendent of the Railroad Company, died suddenly yesterday of apoplexy.

**Washington News.**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.  
There seems to be no longer any doubt that during the present session of Congress the income tax will be abolished. At least a dozen bills looking to this are already prepared, and there is a strong feeling against the tax, which has been long in the hands of the Senate. Many members assert that since the reduction of the tax during last session more than the expense of collecting has been realized, and that it is better to repeal the Revenue Bureau will be enabled to reduce the force of officers and clerks and abate the expenditures to such a degree that the government will be enabled to pay for nothing of the benefits which will follow the abolition of the tax. On the other hand it is understood that the House will not favor the immediate repeal of the tax. Some members think it had better be allowed to stand as it is until it expires by limitation, June 30, 1872, and others say that if any action is to be taken it had better be left to the 42d Congress.

**The Spoils at Orleans.**  
The following nominations were sent to the Senate to-day, being the nominations of appointments made during the recess of Congress: Vice Admiral D. D. Porter, Rear Admiral S. C. Rowan, Vice Admiral, Captain J. S. Mulnary, Commodore, T. A. Jenkins; Columbus Delano, of Ohio, Secretary of the Interior; Benjamin H. Brewster, Solicitor General; M. C. Craven, of Kentucky, Secretary of the Navy; Clement H. Hill, Assistant Attorney General; Joseph P. Root, of Kansas, Minister to Chili; A. Albee, of New York, Secretary of Legation at London.

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The President has sent to the Senate the extradition treaties recently concluded with several Central American Republics, and has had prepared for transmission to that body many nominations of appointments made during the recess of Congress.

**Washington Topics.**  
The following to be consuls: Thos. B. Boyd, of Indiana; St. Thomas, W. J. Baskin, of Ohio; Hong Kong; H. M. Houghton, of Illinois; Pernambuco; J. W. Taylor, of Maine; Winnipeg; G. L. Sweeney, of Kentucky; and the appointments of Ohio, Honolulu; A. E. Young, of Kentucky; Santiago De Cuba; Wm. H. Sharpley, of the Southern District of Ohio; J. Kelly, Attorney of the District of Columbia.

**American News.**  
Collectors of Customs: J. C. Oakley, District of Michigan; Surveyors of Customs: J. M. H. Houghton, of Ohio; W. F. Fox, St. Louis, Mo.; E. F. Parker, Duluth, Minn. Appraisers of Merchandise: L. D. Ingersoll, Chicago, Ill.; Isaac F. Shepley, St. Louis, Mo. Assessors of Internal Revenue: W. D. B. Houghton, of Illinois; Jas. Jourdan, 3d district of New York; Collectors of Internal Revenue: Hiram E. Kelly, 6th district of New York; John H. Stewart, Pittsburgh.

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By Morton, providing that all elections for President, Vice President and Members of Congress shall be by ballot. Morton, in reply to Trumbull, explained that the bill is not intended to apply to any State where elections were *vice* vote, and not by ballot.

The Republicans of this city are called to meet in their several Assembly Districts to-morrow evening to choose delegates to the Cincinnati Convention, and the completion of harmony and efficiency to elect delegates. No person who holds any office or Government position whither to participate in the Cincinnati Convention.

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